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Action Item #1 ☒ New ☐ Continued ☐ Refined

Objective: During September of 2008, Carlos Marín and Arturo Herrera, respectively the US and Mexico Commissioners of the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC), tragically passed away together in a plane crash while surveying a flooding emergency along the border. The Commissioners were highly respected for their leadership, positive approach, and the problem solving spirit that they brought to US-Mexico water issues. To honor their legacy and motivate others to follow in their footsteps, the Water Committee will establish the "*Marín - Herrera Water Award Program*" and thereby recognize exemplary efforts that strengthen Arizona-Sonora collaboration on water supply issues.

Action Item Target Completion Date: Summer Plenary 2009

Tactic A): The Water Committee will develop operational protocols and selection criteria Marín-Herrera Water Award Program.

Responsible parties: Water Committee Cochairs

Tactic Target Completion Date: March 31, 2009

Tactic B): Present the first award at the Summer 2009 Plenary Session.

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Financing is TBD.

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Action Item #2 ☒ New ☐ Continued ☐ Refined

Objective: As part of the Water Committee's efforts to identify sustainable water supplies for the Arizona-Sonora region, the Water Committee will support development of a grant proposal to establish an Arizona-Sonora Research Center for Water, Desalination and Renewable Energy. The proposal would be submitted to Mexico's National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT). To promote meaningful bilateral collaboration on this critical issue and advance the previously authorized Binational Institute for Water and Renewable Energy, the Water Committee will explore the possibility of Arizona matching funds through engagement with the private sector and Science Foundation Arizona (SFAz).

Action Item Target Completion Date: Summer Plenary 2009

Tactic A): Develop a draft grant proposal for CONACYT.

Responsible parties: CEA

Tactic Target Completion Date: January 30, 2009

Tactic B): Meet with SFAz and possible private sector supporters to explore Arizona's interest and possibility of financial support.

Responsible parties: Arizona Water Institute, SRP and CEA

Tactic Target Completion Date: March 6, 2009